

The Bloomfield Record.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE TOWNSHIP.

S. H. HULIN, Editor and Proprietor.

FRIEY, APRIL 9, 1875.

All who are interested in having a live newspaper in this village are requested to send us, by mail, or to the publishing office, local items of news, correspondence, etc., for publication.

No charge is made for publishing Marriages, Deaths, or Religious Notices.

Single numbers of THE RECORD can always be had at this office, at the Post Office, and at the Newsdealers.

All kinds of PAINTING done at THE RECORD Office.

School Meeting.

The annual school meeting was held on Monday evening last in the High School Room. Mr. E. W. Page acted as chairman. There was an attendance of only about thirty, owing to the fact that two entertainments had been announced for the same evening—the mock trial at Euclid Hall and a concert in the M. E. church.

A motion was made by Mr. E. S. Wilde to proceed to elect the trustees, and that tellers be appointed by the meeting for that purpose. An amendment made by Mr. D. Osborn that the tellers should be appointed by the Chairman, was voted upon and lost. The meeting then appointed as tellers Jos. A. Davis, Jr. and James P. Jones. Nominations were then made and the names written on the blackboard. Upon balloting, the following named gentleman were declared elected.

A. T. MORRIS,
JOHN SHERMAN,
V. G. THOMAS,
W. J. WILLIAMSON,
M. W. DODD.

No other business was transacted and the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

The Road Board Supplement.

The following is a supplement to the Road Board act, which, having been introduced in the Legislature, has passed its first reading:

Be it enacted, That the assessment for moneys necessary to pay the compensation directed to be made in and by an act entitled "An act constituting a public Road Board for the laying out and constituting, appropriating, improving and maintaining public carriage roads in Essex county," approved March 31, 1869, and the several supplements thereto, for land and property taken for and in the laying out of Bloomfield avenue through the townships of Bloomfield and Montclair, or for any change or alteration of grade or drainage whatever, with lawful interest and expenses of the assessment heretofore set aside, shall be raised and paid in manner following, to wit: one-fourth of the whole ascertained cost, interest and expenses aforesaid shall be assessed by the assessors of benefits appointed under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement and the several supplements thereto upon the lands fronting on said avenue in said townships respectively, per linear foot front in accordance with the peculiar benefits, in the opinion of said assessors, derived by said frontage in said townships respectively, and shall be payable in the same manner and number of installments as now provided by law, and the balance, amounting to three-fourths of the said moneys shall be raised and paid upon the warrant of said Board in and for said townships respectively, and shall be assessed, levied, and collected upon and from the property in said townships respectively in four equal yearly installments, one thereof in the year 1875, and another thereof in each year thereafter until the whole thereof shall have been collected and paid in the same manner and by the same officers as other township taxes are assessed, &c., and when collected shall be paid to the county collector of said county at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes are paid to him. All acts inconsistent with this act are repealed—so far as they relate to the said Bloomfield avenue in said township and all proceedings whatever in relation to the said assessment conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby set aside. To take effect immediately.

The Newark Presbytery.

This organization has been in session in the Park church, Belleville Avenue, Newark. Rev. Dr. Newlin was dismissed to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and Mr. A. Harmon Hager, a theological student, transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Dubuque. It was decided to hold the next Fall session of the Presbytery in the First church, Bloomfield.

The following delegates to the General Assembly were chosen: Rev. W. W. Eddy and Rev. George C. Pollock, primaries, with Rev. Dr. J. R. Berry and Rev. Charles S. Berry alternates; also Elders Wm. Rankin and E. F. Dornan primaries, with Dr. S. H. Pennington and Francis K. Howell alternates.

The Committee on Pleasant Valley reported that a church should be established there. They were directed to bring the matter before the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Rev. Dr. Knox, President of the German Theological School, read his annual report, which was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Berry and Rev. H. W. Ballantine, with power to confer with committee of Directors; with power to publish such reports as they may see proper.

The Great Trial.

Deep interest was taken in the trial of the case of Marrett against Baxfield which came off at the Special Term of the Superior Court of Bloomfield before His Honor, Judge Lightfoot, on Monday evening last. The chief cause of this absorbing interest was the high respectability of both plaintiff and defendant, and the fact that the most brilliant legal talent of the township had been retained as counsel. The action was for damage sustained by the plaintiff from the bite of a supposed, rabid animal, of the canine species belonging to the defendant. The jury on this case comprised some of our foremost citizens. The counsel for Mr. Marrett were Messrs. Reardon and Crane. Mr. Baxfield also had two lawyers, Messrs. Fouke and Kennedy.

The cause was duly opened, the first witness sworn being the plaintiff himself. His emaciated and careworn appearance seemed to corroborate his testimony, especially where it referred to the anxiety he had for long years labored under in consequence of the assault.

Several other witnesses were examined on both sides. It was a keenly contested battle, and watched with the greatest solicitude by the large gathering of spectators who filled the Court Room. The examination of witnesses and the frequent arguments put forth by counsel consumed two hours. At ten o'clock, the Judge, with becoming gravity rose to charge the jury. This charge was a marvel of forensic ability. The jury were instructed, in regard to the question of damages, that they must first determine whether the plaintiff had an estate in himself. Some of the evidence adduced, the court held, tended to prove that a lady had a title in this gentleman, and therefore in an action for damage she only was the party who could claim damages. Various other points were perspicuously presented to the jury. A verdict was rendered, after due deliberation. It was the startling and unexpected one of MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, sentence to be executed on the dog. It was also enjoined upon the plaintiff to marry the lady, whose name was not disclosed, but who seemed to be plainly implicated in this remarkable case. The opinion expressed by some of the spectators, on dispensing, was generally one of approval, and that there certainly was "poetic justice" in the proceedings.

The Montclair Election.

The election held on Tuesday in Montclair resulted favorably for the Republican ticket which was elected with the exception of Town Clerk and one member Town Committee. The Republican vote was 365 to 218 for the Democrats. The scattering votes cast by Republicans for Town Clerk defeated the regular nominee J. H. Henstis, and Geo. W. Poole, Democrat was elected. Stratton over Alfred Taylor. The Democrats tried hard to defeat Wm. Jacobus, the candidate on the Republican ticket for Assessor. Last year Mr. Jacobus was elected on the Democratic side, but they refused to support this year, and nominated E. Williams, a Republican, who was defeated for the same office last year. The following is a list of officers elected:

Assessor, Wm. Jacobus. Clerk, Geo. W. Poole. Collector, E. C. Fuller. Freeholders, S. M. W. Smith, Grout, J. Wheeler. Town Committee, J. C. Brautigan, W. Irving Adams, Thos. A. Levy, A. E. Van Giesen, Eliza T. Gould. Road Commissioners, N. O. Pillsbury, Jos. Van Vleck, Amzi A. Sigler, Samuel Wilde, Abram Speer. Commissioners of Appeal, Peter H. Van Riper, J. J. H. Love, Jos. Doremus. Overseer of Poor, Chas. Smith. Justices, N. O. Pillsbury, C. B. Morris, Constables, E. J. Bacon, S. W. Tibbs, Oliver Levy. Road Appropriation, \$3,000. Poor, \$3,500. Incidents, \$4,500. License, 271, No License 212.

Church Notes.

At the communion services of Westminster church last Sabbath morning, nine persons were admitted to membership with this church; seven upon profession, and all of them from the Sunday School. The religious interest in this, and the 1st Presbyterian church continues unabated. The young people's prayer meetings are well attended, and much benefit has been derived from that means of grace, in each of these churches.

Christ Church Parish held a meeting on Wednesday evening last and decided to adopt the Free Pew System. There was a lively interest manifested in promoting the welfare of the parish. Another parish meeting is called for next Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

The musical and literary entertainment given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday eve. was well attended. Besides the excellent performance by the boys of the Union Home and School, there were several well rendered recitations by Mr. Lowe.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Missionary Association of the Westminster Sabbath School will be held on Sunday evening next at the Chapel commencing at 7 o'clock. A collection will be taken to assist in the re-building of the girls' school in Canton, China, that has recently been burned, at which the association have been supporting two pupils.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold a festival on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 14th at the former residence of J. G. Maxfield, Esq. on Franklin street.

The Christ Church people are arranging for a "Schooling School," which is to come off next week, date and place not yet determined. It will doubtless be a success.

The Spring Term of the Public Schools open on Wednesday.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C., APRIL 6TH, 1875.

Now that the Louisiana question has subsided, the raids from Mexico are a good subject for discussion, and the President is charged as having procured or instigated them for the sake of fomenting a war with Mexico for ambitious purposes. Upon this subject the New York Herald says "the aspirations which General Grant is known to cherish render every chance of a foreign war previous to the next Republican nomination for the Presidency occasion of anxiety and apprehension." The Herald would have us believe that with its wondrous foresight, it has penetrated futurity or exercised its omniscient prerogative and read the heart of the President, and then exposed his inmost thoughts to the American people, and warned them against the dangers of his ambition.

The President in conversation yesterday, said he was amused at the newspaper statements of what he would do about these recent outrages by armed Mexicans invading the Texan frontier, for they were mere inventions, as he had not expressed any views about the matter, not even to the Secretary of State, who has been away from the city. He had yet to hold a consultation with the Secretary, and the matter would probably be brought before the Cabinet. He could see no reason for apprehending war between the two countries. Nobody could tell what might happen but the United States would do nothing to provoke such a result.

Several meetings have been held lately, composed of the best business men of the city, for the purpose of protesting against the new District tax bill imposed upon it by Congress. It has been shown by careful estimate that by the provisions of this bill a revenue of one and a half million dollars would be raised, whereas the District Commissioners only asked Congress for a tax sufficient to raise \$100,000. The bill was hastily passed through at the end of the session, and as a Congressman described, without any knowledge of their merits with results stated.

General Sickles' claim that he did not forfeit his position on the retired list in the army, by reason of holding the position of Minister to Spain longer than one year, has been decided in his favor. The last Congress passed a law in reference to General Crawford, a retired officer, and in the same act incorporated a provision in regard to continuing on the retired list all officers on the rolls who had not resigned. The Secretary of War construed this law as covering the case of Gen. Sickles, that he is still on the rolls, and is entitled to pay as a Major General on the retired list from the date of his resignation as Minister to Spain.

It is reported from Connecticut, where the election did not "pan out" as good as the Republicans expected. He attributes the defeat of the Republicans to a lack of organization. Towards the close of the campaign there were plenty of speakers, but the Republicans generally were too careless, and failed in many cases to appoint local working committees. With thorough organization he thinks they could easily have carried the state.

The new Treasurer of the United States, Mr. John C. New, has arranged to come to Washington about the middle of June. He will continue to regard Indianapolis as his home, and will retain his identification with the First National Bank of that city in the expectation of renewing his official position in that bank. Mrs. New it is stated "has been greatly opposed to his accepting the position, but it is understood she is now willing to exchange Indianapolis for Washington. She is a native of Virginia, and although not an F. V., she is said to be equal to almost any emergency."

It is also stated that Mr. New, in answer to an inquiry about positions under him, answered that "applications were not in order, for the subordinate offices are full and the patronage if any there is, falls exclusively to the Sec'y of the Treasury. He had no appointments to make." From this it would appear that Mr. New does not mean to split upon the rock on which his predecessor came to grief.

The Commissioner of Indian affairs has appointed Jas. G. Swan, special agent to collect Indian curiosities for the Centennial Exhibition. Henry Elliott, of the Smithsonian, goes to Alaska for the same purpose, the intention of the Department being to make the Indian habits &c., a specialty.

The Sioux Indian delegation, consisting of Red Cloud, Spotted Tail, and their chiefs, are expected to arrive in this city before the first of May, when negotiations for the opening of the Black Hills country will begin. The geologists appointed by the Interior Department to make the survey is to be at Cheyenne by April 15th.

Lester Wallack is playing at Walls Opera House. Duprez and Benedict's Minstrels are at the "National" this week and the Jubilee Singers give a concert here to-morrow evening.

—Last Monday a well-appearing stranger engaged board at the boarding-house of Mrs. Post on Bloomfield Ave., securing the best room in the house. He brought no baggage except a small valise, and after taking dinner and supper retired for the night. In the morning it was discovered that he had quietly left during the night, taking with him two pocket-books containing about \$50 belonging to other boarders.

—The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold a festival on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 14th at the former residence of J. G. Maxfield, Esq. on Franklin street.

The Christ Church people are arranging for a "Schooling School," which is to come off next week, date and place not yet determined. It will doubtless be a success.

The Spring Term of the Public Schools open on Wednesday.

Legislative Notes.

The Legislature adjourns sine die today, leaving a large amount of unfinished business in the Assembly.

Mr. Morrow has introduced a bill authorizing Franklin School District No. 5 to borrow money and issue bonds, not to exceed \$8,000—to build a new school house. It passed the House on Tuesday.

A bill calling for the annexation of a portion of Belleville township to Newark has been ordered to a third reading in the Senate as a substitute for the city charter, and too little of the common principles of truth:

"Mr. Beecher is explaining his letters now, on the stand, and perhaps the interpretation he gives is the correct one; but if it is, he jumbles together divine and very practical things in a way that bewilders a mind of average consistency of thought. Mrs. Titon, whose spiritual clearness he so rapturously eulogizes, did the same thing in a most exasperating way, and clearly as she saw spiritual things, and deeply as her soul diving down into the profundities of religious emotion, she yet, when it came to a matter-of-fact affair of truth and womanly honor, actually lied, so that nobody now can believe the slightest affirmation she may make."

The solemn relations between man and his Maker, and the great problems of his being, must engage the thought and occupy the study of every earnest man. They rightly ultimate in religions without which the world would roll in the dust of stifling materialism; but the contemplation of these facts of eternity is of no avail to the individual or to society, unless it be the apprehension of the truth that feeling cannot check the operation of law, and that the penalties of disobedience will fall with remorseless certainty upon the offender, in spite of emotion, and undivided by the clamor of prayers or the gushing of tears.

The inhabitants of the annexed portion are to be exempt from tax on account of the city's war or bounty debt. The unoccupied territory shall constitute the third election district of the Eighth ward; James Moore, Anthony Francisco and John Crisp, of Belleville, and Daniel Dodd, Jerome B. Ward and Charles T. Henry, of Newark, are named as Commissioners to divide the property and money of Belleville township between the annexed and the remaining portions. The bill is to be first submitted for approval by the Common Council of Newark, and then up to the voters of Belleville at an election.

In the House on Wednesday Mr. Fitzgerald called up the bill to fix the number of Essex Freeholders at 58. Mr. Dodd opposed the bill as the number proposed was far too great. Next year a new census would be taken and then some arrangement could be entered into for equalizing the Board. Mr. Teed thought the present number about right and that proposed too large. Mr. Fitzgerald spoke in favor of the bill so as to give Newark a proper representation. Mr. Kirk said the proposed number was much too large, though he would be glad to see a more equitable representation between Newark and the townships. Mr. Morrow was in favor of the bill, as it would baffle the large number of creditors who are in solicitude in regard to their claims against Mr. A. His liabilities are large, and his absence is doubtless owing to excessive financial embarrassments. The hotel is now closed.

—The absorbing local topic during this week has been the clandestine disappearance from our midst of Mr. J. Archdeacon, the well-known hotel proprietor. He left, it is believed, for the West on Saturday last. The circumstance would have little significance or public interest but for the fact that a large number of creditors are in solicitude in regard to their claims against Mr. A. His liabilities are large, and his absence is doubtless owing to excessive financial embarrassments. The hotel is now closed.

—The spelling Match in Montclair.

An entertainment of this kind came off in the Congregational church chapel on Wednesday evening. It was under the management of the ladies of the church. Besides the spelling exercise, some choice music, vocal and instrumental, was given by Misses Wilcox, Pinney and other ladies.

The spelling classes were organized with 15 on a side. Mrs. Bowden and Mr. Dorman were captains. Rev. Mr. Bradford gave out the words and Dr. Pinkham was referee. The spelling was very animated and creditable to those who took part, but the giving out of words of French origin, such as "belles lettres," thinned the ranks, and finally "pharmacaco" proved to be an overdose for all those who were left.

—A Spelling Match in Montclair.

An entertainment of this kind came off in the Congregational church chapel on Wednesday evening. It was under the management of the ladies of the church. Besides the spelling exercise, some choice music, vocal and instrumental, was given by Misses Wilcox, Pinney and other ladies.

—The members of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M. are requested to attend a Special Communication on Wednesday evening, 1875. A full attendance is desired.

By Order,

J. BANKS REED, W. M.

FRED. P. HANLY, P.

Handy, P.

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "advertisements."

H. DODD, P. M.

State of New Jersey, Essex Co., B. S.

Thomas C. Dodd, Trustee of the Bloomfield Savings Institution and Clerk.

Israel C. Ward, of the Finance Committee of said institution, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the following statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief, on the first day of January, 1875, according to the said deposition respectively.

CHARLES PELOUZE, W. M. PETERS,

Z. B. DODD,

CHARLES C. WARD,

THOMAS C. DODD.

Swore to before me this 26th day of Jan., 1875.

Jos. X. OAKES,

Com. of Deeds.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE BLOOMFIELD SAVINGS INSTITUTION

OF Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, Jan.

1875.

AMENTS.

Loans on bond and mortgage.